

UNAPPROVED - DRAFT

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Friday, August 3, 2007

**Department of Health Professions
6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor
Richmond, Virginia 23230-1712
Conference Room 2**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:10 a.m.

PRESIDING: Paul N. Zimmet, D.D.S., Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Myra Howard
Misty Sissom, R.D.H.
James D. Watkins, D.D.S

MEMBERS ABSENT: Meera A. Gokli, D.D.S.
Edward P. Snyder, D.D.S.

STAFF PRESENT: Sandra Reen, Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Catherine Chappell, Administrative Staff Assistant

COUNSEL PRESENT: Howard Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General

QUORUM: With four members present, a quorum was established, with Ms. Howard substituting for Dr. Meera Gokli and Ms. Sissom substituting for Dr. Edward Snyder.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Hilton Graham spoke on behalf of the Virginia Dental Hygienists Association (VDHA). He thanked the Board for their work on the proposed legislation to recognize Dental Assistants I and II and advised that the VDHA supported the current proposed language but not any additional changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Zimmet asked if the Committee members had reviewed the minutes from the April 6, 2007 meeting. Dr. Watkins moved to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2007 meeting as written. The motion was seconded and passed.

Discussion of Proposed Legislation to Recognize Dental Assistants I and II: Ms. Reen announced that the proposed legislation had been sent to the PPG list, with August 8, 2007 as the due date for any comment. In light of the receipt of negative comment and the authority given by the Board to the

Executive Committee to address any public comment, the Executive Committee meeting had been called to discuss the public comment made to date. Ms. Reen commented that the proposed legislation had received mixed support and referenced the correspondence in the agenda packet.

Ms. Yeatts recommended that, in light of the opposition to the elimination of §54.1-2712.1, that the phrase "in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board" be inserted at the end of the existing language in §54.1-2712.1.

Ms. Sissom moved to maintain the existing language in §54.1-2712.1. and add the phrase "in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board" at the end of that section. The motion was seconded and passed.

With respect to proposed §54.1-2730, Ms. Reen referenced comment received requesting that certification by other organizations outside of the credentialing organizations recognized by the American Dental Association be acceptable. The Committee agreed that the Board accepted only ADA accredited programs with respect to licensure.

Ms. Sissom moved to advance proposed §54.1-2730 as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Paul N. Zimmet, D.D.S., Chair

Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

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